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In Re Application Of: Thomas, K., et al.						
Application No. 09/898,255	Filing Date 07/03/01	Examiner St. Cyr. Daniel	Customer No. 29157	Group Art Unit 2876	Confirmation No. 1910	
Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM OF SETTING AND/OR CONTROLLING OF A FOOD PRODUCT DISPENSING MACHINE USING A TAG-TYPE COMMUNICATION DEVICE						
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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(e) ACCOMPANYING  
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Invention: **METHOD AND SYSTEM OF SETTING AND/OR CONTROLLING OF A FOOD PRODUCT  
DISPENSING MACHINE USING A TAG-TYPE COMMUNICATION DEVICE**

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This is a statement under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97(e) in the above-identified application.

Check applicable statement herebelow:

Statement Under 37 CFR 1.97(e)(1)

- ☒ Each item of information contained in the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.

Statement Under 37 CFR 1.97(e)(2)

- ☐ No item of information contained in the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the undersigned person, after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.

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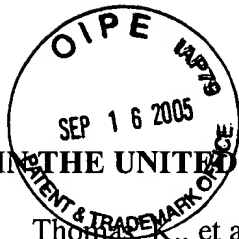
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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 37 C.F.R. 1.97, and 37 C.F.R. 1.98, Applicants request that a citation and examination of the references cited below, and on the attached PTO-1449 form be made during the course of examination of the above-identified application for United States patent. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.98, copies of all foreign patent documents and non-patent documents are enclosed.

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

<u>Document No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Country</u>
WO 01/43088	June 14, 2001	PCT

Applicants look forward to early and favorable consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

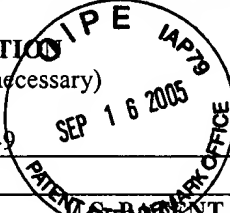
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